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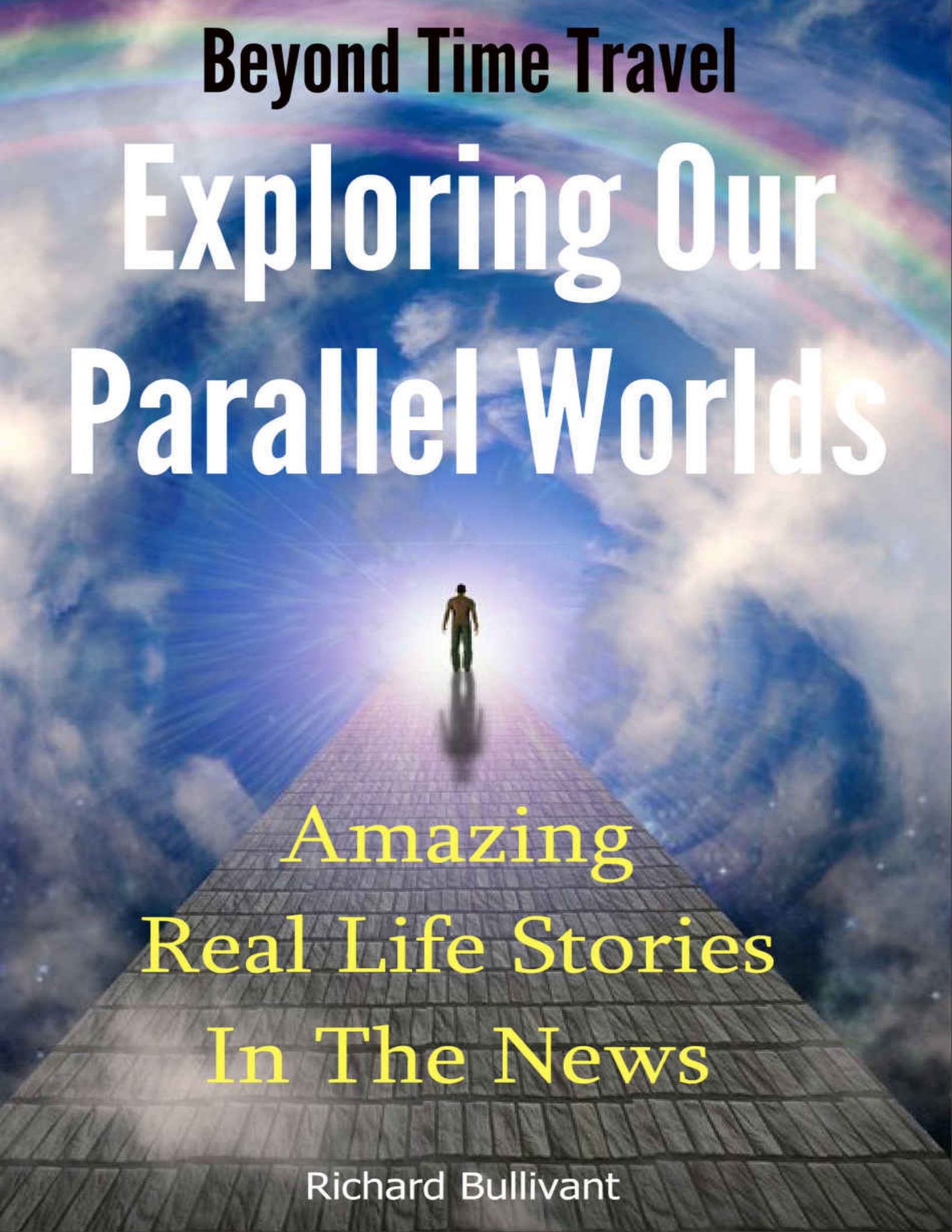

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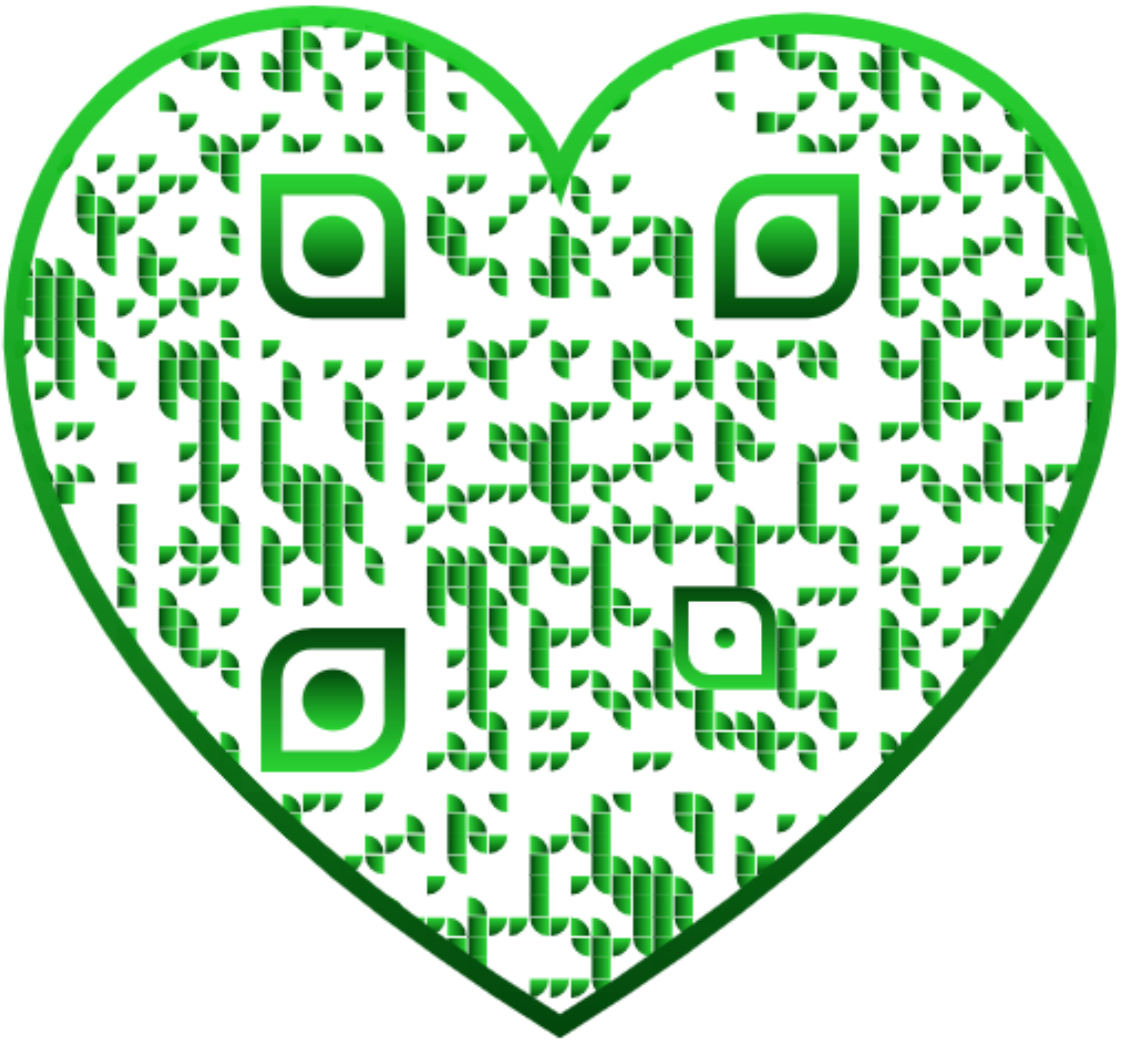

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Introduction

The idea of parallel universes has come to the fore in recent years and is now considered by many to be one of our most exciting possibilities, not only in the realms of fantasy and science fiction entertainment, but also in the field of solid mainstream scientific theory.

However, the idea that there might be ‘other worlds’ existing alongside our own is actually one of our most ancient concepts.

In about 350 BC for example, the great Greek philosopher Plato brought out his *Theory of Forms*, in which he put forward the idea that the world we live within and inhabit every day is actually a ‘shadow’ of a more primary universe which our world is sort of tucked inside, or projected from.

Plato’s conception of an ‘Ideal World’ which ‘generates’ our own dimension has been one of the most pervasive in all of history. The idea has been expanded upon, redeveloped and brought back countless times, sometimes in the guise of ‘Neo-Platonism’ but in other brands of philosophy was well.

However, the idea that there might be parallel worlds or parallel universes just ever so slightly removed from our own is far more timeworn than Plato. The Vedic traditions of India, for example, probably go back at least 5,000 years, which would pre-date Plato by at least 3,000 years. Yet, even that doesn’t get us to the origins of parallel universe concepts.

There is information gleaned from studying the most ancient shamanic traditions - from Siberia and ancient peoples of the British Isles and northern Europe, to the depths of Africa and the Oriental world. There is good evidence that these shamanic traditions go back not only to the Stone Age, but to the Ice Age.

In Africa, the cradle of mankind, there is abundant indication, which has been interpreted from the most ancient rock art, that the very first human beings were engaging in rituals which were specifically designed to transport people from our normal, everyday physical world into other dimensions - or parallel worlds.

The idea of parallel worlds has also been invoked to explain some of our most traditional folklore, especially that of fairy. For centuries, it has been

commonplace for people to speak of ‘the veil between worlds’ – that being the veil which separates our world from ‘the Realm of Faerie’ and what the 17th Century Scottish cleric Robert Kirk called ‘The Hidden Kingdom’.

Furthermore, both pagan and Christian belief holds that there are certain times of the year when those veils become ‘thinner’ - such as on Halloween - when it is more likely that strange interactions can occur when the bizarre denizens of another universe come into contact with our own.

Is this where the magical fairies, elves and leprechauns of ancient European folklore exist - in a parallel universe? Is this where those who are abducted by fairy folk are taken, only to be returned a century or two later, confused and disoriented with strange tales to tell?

From Ancient to Modern

When you think about it, it’s strange that while the concept of parallel worlds has been ingrained in the fabric of the human experience since the beginning of time, the modern era of ‘legitimate thought’ has rejected it.

When the age of science and reason took a dominant hold on the collective consciousness of the planet, suddenly, parallel worlds were out! The idea of other worlds was relegated to the realm of mysticism and ‘ancient ignorance’.

Roughly speaking, our modern way of thinking begins with Isaac Newton, the ultimate rational materialist. After Newton, everyone became constrained to consider only that which the five senses could perceive - and measure - to be the only legitimate reality. It seemed obvious that no one was stepping in and out of other universes that were parallel to our own - therefore, they did not exist. Those that insisted that they did exist were considered lunatics or charlatans.

But then came quantum theory. When brilliants minds, like that of Max Planck, Albert Einstein, Niels Bohr, Werner Schrodinger, Wolfgang Pauli and many others began to unlock the secrets of the subatomic world, it became clear that Isaac Newton had not thought of everything.

It became obvious that the world was not so ‘solid’ and ‘physical’ after all. It seems that the atoms were not the ‘building blocks’ of the universe. In fact, the closer we looked into the atom, the more parts they seemed to break into. Atoms are made up of a nucleus consisting of protons and neutrons, which are ‘orbited’ by a third kind of particle, an electron. But wait a minute

- even these tiny particles could be broken up into even smaller objects, such as quarks.

When small cannot get any smaller, we reach the realm of exotic ‘things’ like quarks, photons and ‘space-time foam’. But what is even more fascinating is that scientists are discovering disturbing aspects about subatomic particles, such as they can simply ‘wink out of existence’ and then somehow ‘return’ from … where? A vacuum? From a place where there is nothing?

Or maybe the smallest particles can move into another universe, a parallel universe, and then come back again. The fact is, some theoretical physicists have already developed mathematical models that show that particles just might be jumping between an infinite number of parallel universes. There have also been some studies where experimental physicists have claimed to make it happen - that is - they claim to have transported photons from our universe into another parallel universe, and then brought them back again!

The Many Worlds Interpretation

The idea that our universe may not be the only universe, but that there are millions, billions, trillions - indeed an infinite amount - of other universes became a serious proposition for mainstream science in 1957 when the respected physicist Hugh Everett III came out with his Multiple Worlds Interpretation.

In short, Everett suggested that the only way to explain certain strange phenomenon in quantum mechanics was that there had to be other universes existing parallel to our own.

The ‘Many Worlds’ scenario in turn implies that all possible alternative histories are real, each representing an actual ‘world’ or ‘universe’. This means that everything that could possibly have happened in our past, but did not, has occurred in the past of some other universe or universes.

The implications of ‘Many Worlds’ for each of us is astounding. It means that every one of us has not only a ‘twin’ existing right now in a parallel universe, but a countless number of twins in universes that expand in all directions infinitely, as well as backwards and forward in time!

As astounding and outlandish as Hugh Everett’s Many Worlds Interpretation seems, a recent survey showed that the vast majority of physicists and scientists today accept it as ‘most likely true’ - in fact 83% of

them, according to a recent survey of the world's top 1,200 physicists.

Stories

The fact that parallel universes is most likely a reality can explain a lot of strange phenomenon, and a lot of bizarre experiences as reported by every day, ordinary people. A lot of these stories have ended up in the mainstream media - and more than a few in the so-called 'alternative media'.

These stories range from the UFO phenomena to reports of contacts with fairy folk, or creatures so strange there is no precedent or explanation for them. Parallel universes have been frequently cited as a way to explain the elusiveness of Bigfoot. It also plays a role in the practice of remote viewing - the psychic spying technique developed by both U.S. Military and Soviet Union intelligence operations. Parallel universe theory may also explain some strange occurrences that simply defy category.

In this book, we are going to explore some of those stories - those that made it into the mainstream media and, almost certainly, a few you have never heard about anywhere else.

Unexpected Slips into Other Worlds

If parallel universes exist, and if they are all around us, isn't there a certain danger then that sometimes any one of us might accidentally 'fall through' one of them and vanish from this reality?

Every year millions of people go missing, and yes, most of the time there are ordinary explanations for what happened to them. But there are many cases that defy solution even after years of dedicated detective work and search efforts by those trying to find them.

Such as the case of a prominent university professor in Venezuela which appeared in one of that country's largest newspapers, *El Tiempo*. The story was written by journalist Segundo Peña. It was a case that captivated the reporter because of the strange facts as testified by those who last saw the professor - who has been missing for 40 years - and whose disappearance has never been solved.

The incident occurred on the campus of the University of the Andes in the city of Mérida, Venezuela. It was late afternoon on a clear sunny day in the early 1970s.

A popular and faculty member of the University of the Andes was seen walking across the parking lot of a university building. He was seen by a number of people and stopped to chat with at least one person as he moved towards his car. When he got to his car, he noticed some students waving at him, and he waved back as he stepped into the vehicle and closed the door.

The car never drove away, and the professor was never seen again. It's as if the door of the car was a portal into another world. Journalist Segundo Peña wrote in his article:

The car's owner has been gone for over forty years. (We do not mention his name out of respect for his family). Was this person abducted by some strange forces alien to our own dimension? Science pursues its general research, where psychology is aware that in many cases perceptual illusions, erroneous interpretations, hallucinations and fantasy-prone personalities have sway. But the enigma is still present and unsolved.

Peña interviewed local police who were charged with solving the missing person case of the university professor. In their notes he found detailed

interviews conducted with a number of people who witnessed the professor get into his car, only to see his car remain parked where it was. None ever saw him get out. A briefcase he was carrying as he entered the car was resting on the passenger side of the car where it had been casually placed as the professor entered his vehicle.

His family never heard from him again.

Many think this story of the missing Venezuelan professor is a typical example of where someone inadvertently slipped out of one universe into another, parallel universe. The professor might have been just at the right place (or wrong place) at the right time. Some speculate he stepped out of the car, or drove away, unaware that he had shifted into an alternate reality, where he lived out the rest of his life.

Some Slip Out While Others Slip In?

If it's possible to 'fall into' a parallel universe and vanish, maybe it also happens in other universes - except the people living in those realms may find themselves suddenly astounded to be in our universe. To them, and their 'universe of origin' our world would be the parallel universe.

Such may be the case for a woman from Madrid, Spain.

About three years ago, Lenia Barcía began posting around the Internet a strange story about something she felt was desperately wrong with her life. Her posts were a desperate plea for help. At first only a website in Argentina, *Grupo Elron*, (The Elron Group) was willing to take her story seriously. But her tale eventually found more readers and, during the next three years, it has become among the most discussed story around the Internet.

This is her story:

It all began when Lenia Barcía woke up in her Madrid apartment one morning. It seemed like just another normal day - except for one small detail that seemed out of place. She was curious to note that she did not recognize the bed sheets she had just slept on - nor the quilt or her pillow cases. It was strange, but it was a small detail, and she just shrugged it off.

Most things about her life still seemed the same. Her apartment was basically the same. She was still in Madrid, after all. But as the day wore on, dozens of little details - small differences in the way things should have been - began to add up.

After noticing her 'altered' bed sheets, she began to perceive that a lot of

the items in her apartment seemed out of place. She also discovered a number of items that she had never seen before, and also a few items that appeared to be inexplicably missing.

Lenia said that it was ‘nothing spectacular’, but perhaps this made it slightly worse - it was like an eerie feeling that was creeping up on her. So many of the small details, the ordinary items we take for granted, were altered or out of place. Other objects were entirely new to her, while some had oddly vanished.

Eventually, however, it became apparent that a very major detail had been drastically altered. Her boyfriend was gone.

Lenia said that she had recently broken up with a man she had been involved with for seven years. About six months later, she began dating another man who was from her neighbourhood, and whom she had known well for a long time. But now he had gone - and not just gone - it seems he never existed.

At first, Lenia thought her boyfriend had gone missing. But, as events unfolded, it seemed it was even more bizarre than that. She couldn’t find his phone number; in fact not even a listing for his phone number in a directory. When she began to ask around among her friends if anyone had seen him, no one seemed to know who she was talking about. Lenia thought she might be going insane. She contacted the police and reported her boyfriend missing - but the police told her that there were no records of the person she was looking for.

Lenia writes:

I’ve visited a psychiatrist and it’s all been put down to stress. He thinks they’re hallucinations, but I know this isn’t the case. My old boyfriend, the one whom I had left, is with me as though nothing happened - apparently he never broke it off (in this world) - and Agustin (my current boyfriend) appears to have never existed. He doesn’t live in the apartment he used to live at and I cannot find his son.

I swear to you that it’s true and that I am very sane. My own family doesn’t remember things like a surgery that was performed on my sister’s shoulder a few months ago. She says she’s never been operated on…Small things to that effect.

On her first day back to work, Lenia discovered that she still had a job at the same company, except now she was working in a different department in

another part of the building. She said that she felt so disoriented at work, she told her supervisor she was ill and went home. At first it took her some time to find her supervisor - because it was a person she had never met before, although her boss claimed to know her well. Before she left, she looked for her name in the company directory and found that she was listed, but not in the same position she once occupied.

She began to check all the small details of her life. She still had the same driver's license number, and her credit cards and various IDs were the same.

Lenia said she has never been a drug user or heavy drinker. Even so, she had herself tested for any drugs that might have inadvertently gotten into her system - all the tests came back negative.

Today, Lenia Barcía continues to search for answers. She has come to believe that, somehow, she has slipped into a parallel universe that is only slightly different from her 'home universe'. She continues to post commentary around the Internet but, for the most part, has accepted her fate that she may never see her once, but now non-existent, boyfriend again and that she may never be able to 'go home' again.

The Man from a Non-Existent Country

In 1954 a small story appeared in the crimes section of *Japan Times Weekly*. The brief article eventually caught the attention of a number of authors who investigated the story for themselves and included it in several books of that era - books which covered tales of strange and unexplained events of the 1950s.

The original article in *The Japan Weekly,* an English language newspaper, concerned a baffling incident at the Haneda Airport (Tokyo International Airport) in which officials had detained a man who appeared to be attempting to enter Japan with a fraudulent passport.

It transpired that this man's passport was unlike any other counterfeit document, most of which were made to look as much as possible like that issued by a particular country of origin. This man had a passport that named a country that did not exist - even though it looked like a genuine passport in all other respects.

This official looking passport was issued by the country of 'Taured' which certainly must be a wholly fictional contrivance, since it is obvious that no such country exists. If this man was attempting to enter Japan illegally with a clever ruse, well this one seemed downright silly.

However, the man insisted he truly was a businessman from a country called Taured. He said Taured was a well-known state in Europe. It had a long and rich history going back at least 1,000 years.

Everything about the man seemed legitimate. Towering above his Japanese hosts, he was obviously of European descent, a Caucasian gentleman who spoke fluent Japanese with a French accent. The man said French was the official language of Taured. He said he worked for an international corporation which had been developing strong business partnerships in Japan for about a decade, and that this was his third visit this year alone.

Everything about the man's demeanour suggested he was telling the truth. He was well dressed and had French currency in his wallet, along with the currency of other nations. His wallet was said to be 'oversized' and of 'superior handcrafted quality'. He exuded the look of a sophisticated,

successful international businessman.

In his wallet also was an international driver's licence, but it was invalid because it was issued by an unknown agency. But here again, this did not look like some fake mock-up of a real driver's license. It looked real. He also had a cheque-book that contained cheques issued by an international bank that was unknown to exist anywhere in the world. If this was a hoax, it was an elaborate one.

The baffled Japanese officials examined his passport more carefully; they saw it was a well-travelled document. It bore the stamps of many other countries, including previous trips to Japan. It didn't look fake.

One of the Japanese officials then had an idea. He got out a map of the world and asked the man to show them where Taured was located. Scanning the map, the man seemed upset to find that no country named Taured was shown. However, he put his finger down on the Principality of Andorra, a tiny landlocked 'micro nation' snuggled between the borders of Spain and France. Indeed, Andorra has about a 1,000-year history having been established in the year 988AD, but the stranger in the Japanese airport had never heard of Andorra, and insisted this is where his homeland of Taured should dwell.

As the interview wore on, the mysterious tall stranger from an unknown land began to grow increasingly impatient, and then angry. He thought some kind of bizarre practical joke was being played on him for some unfathomable reason - and the Japanese thought the same was being done to them!

The man demanded to be allowed to go to his hotel where he had a reservation - and indeed he had documents showing his reservation - except that no such hotel existed in Japan.

After eight hours, the frustrated and baffled Japanese authorities decided to take the man to a hotel where he would be allowed to remain with a guard at the door. The stranger was unhappy with the arrangement, but his only other option was a night in a jail cell until things could be sorted out.

The man was therefore taken to a nearby hotel and allowed to eat a meal in the establishment's dining room. He was then required to go to his room and stay inside for the night. He was accompanied to his door by two Japanese immigration officials. A guard was posted outside.

The next morning, when immigration officials knocked on his hotel room

door, they received no answer. Hearing nothing but silence from the other side of the door, they obtained a key from hotel management and entered the room - only to find it empty.

The tall mysterious stranger had vanished. Also gone were his entire luggage and effects. There was no other way out of the room except through a window that was several stories above a noisy, busy street. The window showed no signs of having been opened.

A search was conducted for the man, but the case was stone cold from the beginning. It appears that ‘the man from mythical land of Taured’ had vanished without a trace.

When the story first appeared in the early 1950s, the concept of parallel universes was not widely considered or known outside the realm of science fiction. It would still be three years until physicist Hugh Everett III would publish his quantum theory suggesting the possible reality of a multiple universe scenario.

But as we said, science fiction writers had been speculating about alternative dimensions and parallel worlds for some time by the 1950s when these events occurred, and many seized upon this as the best explanation for the strange events at the Tokyo airport. Even so, science fiction was hardly a satisfying explanation for those who wondered what really was behind the case of the ‘Man from Taured’.

Today, quantum theory has more than enough room to account for the possibility that parallel worlds not only exist, but that it may even be possible for the occasional ‘slip’ to occur - resulting is some very unpleasant surprises for any person unlucky enough to get caught up in an ‘unexpected trip’ by stumbling through a portal they had no idea could exist.

The Strange Tale of the Gadianton Canyon

It was a story that appeared in a flurry of small newspapers around Utah and Nevada in the year 1972. Something strange happened to four female students of Southern Utah University.

The newspaper accounts differed somewhat in the details of exactly what occurred, but one thing is clear - these four young women experienced something frightening and bizarre.

That the incident actually did happen is not in question. In addition to newspaper accounts, police records of the events are still on file. However, some might say the ‘devil is in the details’. Sometimes stories get exaggerated as they are passed around; other times the facts get distorted. Whatever the case, many believe that the events of May 1972 in the Utah desert are a classic example of an unexpected and frightening encounter with a parallel universe.

The following is the story of what occurred:

Four young co-eds had spent the day at a rodeo in Pioche, Utah, and were now making the long drive down a lonely desert highway, Utah State 56, to return to their dormitory room at the university in Cedar City.

Driving was Renee Grant (all names have been changed). Her father had allowed her to use his 1971 Chevy Nova for the trip. In the passenger seat was her friend Carly Turin. In the backseat were Shelly Myre and Debbie Cranston.

The girls were in a hurry on their way back from the rodeo because they had a curfew of sorts; the dorm mother back on campus locked the doors promptly at 11am. If they didn’t make it back by then, they would have to spend the night elsewhere.

At about 10pm they crossed the Nevada-Utah state line, and they soon pulled up to the union Pacific Railroad crossing. Although they were vaguely familiar with this route, Renee saw something that didn’t look right on the other side of the tracks. There was a fork in the road ahead - one prong of the blacktop curved to the northeast while the other veered to the southeast.

Renee didn’t remember this fork and asked her girlfriends for advice on which to take. Shelly Myre called out, ‘Left!’ from the backseat. Since the

left road headed in the general direction of Cedar City, she assumed that had to be the logical choice. They estimated they were about 45 miles from their home.

Confident Shelly was correct, and as the other girls agreed, Renee steered the Chevy to the northeast fork and stepped on the accelerator. After a few miles they entered an area of red rock canyon, known as Gadianton Canyon. Rugged red rocks rose steeply along either side of the road as they travelled onward. The majestic canyons of Utah are a beautiful and scenic sight by day, but perhaps a bit unnerving and claustrophobic by night.

Then, suddenly, Renee and Carly in the front seat noticed something odd. The headlights of the car seemed to be shining much brighter. They soon realized that it was because the road ahead was no longer a dark blacktop, but constructed of what looked like a very white cement.

It's not entirely unusual for some stretches of highway in the United States to be paved with cement, so this was not unsettling necessarily - it was just that the road seemed even more whitish than typical road-grade cement. It was hard to explain. This highway might have been paved with something else entirely - possibly something new the highway department was trying out?

Even so, the girls paid this little heed as they drove along, except they were about to encounter the first fright of the night.

Up ahead, the road appeared to just drop away. Renee slammed on the brakes. It was lucky she had fast reflexes - for the car pulled up right to the edge of a steep cliff. Inexplicably, this road led straight to the lip of a chasm with nothing but hundreds of feet of rocky cliffside below. Just a few more metres and the car would have plunged over the edge into the expanse beneath.

As unsettling as this close call was, the travelling companions' mood quickly transformed from one of fright to irritation with those in charge of the Utah highway system.

'You would think,' one of the girls said petulantly, *'that someone would have enough sense to put up some warning signs so that people like us wouldn't drive off a cliff in the middle of the night!'*

Renee wheeled the car around and headed back the way they came. Again, they were travelling through the steep corridor of the red rock canyon walls - but after just a few miles something truly inexplicable happened. They

drove out of the canyon only to find themselves in a verdant green area of wheat crops, expanses of lush pasture and groves of fresh-scented pine trees, a world seemingly away from what they had expected to drive back through – the familiar desert landscape of sand and sage brush.

Debbie Cranston piped up from the back seat:

'You must have mistakenly taken another fork in the road a few miles back. This isn't the way we came. Where's the desert? And I've never seen land like this around here before!'

It was an eerie sensation and all four of the girls were beginning to feel a little more than unhinged. The long night on a lonely highway was getting stranger.

But the truly bizarre was still ahead of them.

They were lost, but the only thing the girls could think to do was to keep driving until they could find the next road sign or perhaps come upon a gas station or truck stop where they could stop and ask for directions. After driving several more miles, they hit pay dirt. Ahead was what looked like a roadhouse - perhaps a small roadside tavern and restaurant.

When they pulled up to the building, the first thing they noticed was a bright neon-like sign on the front of the structure, except the sign didn't seem to say anything. The girls described the sign as a 'wriggling pattern of squiggles and curlicues'. It looked like it might have been a foreign word using a different alphabet, perhaps Arabic, or something even more exotic. Or maybe it was just a piece of abstract art.

Within a moment they noticed some 'people' looking out the window of the roadside stop. Then several 'men' began to come pouring out of the building, but they were acting *'sort of wild'* said one of the girls, *'as if they had just seen some kind of strange animal.'*

They soon realized, however, that what had made the figures coming from the building so excited was seeing the four of them. As some of the strange people came cautiously toward the car, others yelled at them in a strange language from behind.

Renee assumed the people were walking over to her car to speak with them, so she began to roll down the window. She poked her head out the window and was about to say *hello* - but instead she let out a terrified shriek! The other girls soon saw what their driver was screaming at, and they all started screaming.

‘Go, Renee, go!’ the girls yelled. *‘Get out of here! Get out of here now!’*

Renee spun the car around, stomped on the accelerator pedal and sent up a shower of gravel behind the vehicle. In seconds, they were on the eerie white-top highway again, with Renee pushing the Chevy up quickly to 80mph.

It wasn’t fast enough, however, because behind them the ‘strange beings’ they had encountered coming out of the roadside establishment were in hot pursuit with their own vehicles, which the girls described as ‘egg-shaped cars on three wheels’.

The odd vehicles sported two front tyres and a smaller tyre at the rear. Each ‘Egg Car’ had a single light in the front and emitted a strange ‘buzzing and whining sound’.

‘My God! They’re chasing us!’ one of the girls cried out. *‘Put the pedal to the floor - all the way, Renee!’*

Renee did so and the ‘71 Chevy roared along, reaching 90mph. The white pavement suddenly gave way to a dusty gravel road. A huge plume of dust was thrown up behind the speeding Chevy, bombarding the other-worldly pursuers in the rear with a billowing cloud of gritty haze.

In another moment, the narrow gravel road suddenly vanished beneath them, and the girls found themselves in a road-less desert landscape. The car began to buck and jump violently across the rough terrain. Renee slammed on the brakes which caused the Chevy to lurch, skew to the side, roll over and down into a shallow arroyo, where it came to a numbing halt.

All four girls were stunned. For a moment, time seemed to stand still. Rigid with fear and their blood coursing with adrenaline from the high-speed chase, they all sat in momentary shock. Miraculously, no one was hurt.

The car had blown three tyres. Little more than shredded rubber was hanging from the metal wheel rims. The rest of the car was dented and battered and missing a hubcap.

As their senses slowly returned, the girls realized that they were utterly alone in the middle of the night in the desert. They felt fortunate to be alive after rolling their car at high speed, but they felt even more relieved that no ‘monsters’ were chasing them in weird egg-shaped tri-cars.

The girls waited out the rest of the night in their vehicle. During the interminable sleepless hours of waiting for the sun to appear on the horizon, they found it difficult to talk about what they had just seen, and what they

had been through.

Shelly Myre was the most hysterical. Renee said she just kept repeating,

'They weren't human! We all saw them! What were they? … they weren't human … they weren't human!'

In the morning the girls set out on foot, and were overjoyed when after just a few hundred feet of trudging across the desert they found the old familiar blacktop of Utah State Highway 56. They were fortunate to flag down a Utah State Highway Patrol officer about two hours later.

The officer listened to the strange tale the girls told him with disbelief.

The police officer assumed that the girls had been driving recklessly, crashed the car belonging to one of their parents, and now needed an elaborate cover story to get themselves out of a jam. All four girls were questioned separately, however, and every one of them told the same story, with almost no discrepancy in detail and without contradiction.

Ordinarily, Utah police would not waste time or manpower investigating what seemed on the outside to be a routine car accident resulting from what was likely a group of flighty college girls, perhaps out partying, maybe drinking and driving irresponsibly. However, it was felt that there were aspects of the case that warranted a closer look.

No drugs or alcohol were found in the car and the young women were sober when they were found looking for a ride on the highway. Their stories matched, and foul play was indicated if they were pursued at high speeds by belligerent strangers. Thus, an investigation was launched which turned up some curious facts:

* There were no tyre tracks leading from Highway 56 to where the car rested in a shallow gulch in the desert. Thus, the car couldn't have veered off the highway and landed in this spot.

*Tyre tracks from the wrecked Chevy extended only 200 yards back into the desert and ended abruptly.

* Nobody could explain how the Chevy had travelled nearly two miles north of Highway 56 without leaving any physical trace of its passage through the rough desert landscape.

* Volunteers searched the area for the lost hubcap from the Chevy, but it was never found.

Epilogue

The strange story of these four college women was bolstered by the fact that the events took place in what is known as Gadianton Canyon, a location which has a history of considerable mystery and its own aura of paranormal mystique.

The state of Utah is largely populated by members of the Mormon Church, also known as the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints. The Book of Mormon tells a rich tale of a nefarious group known as the Gadianton Robbers, an ancient cult or ‘secret criminal organisation’ who are said to be located in this area.

According to the Book of Mormon, the Gadianton Robbers were formed in the year 52BC. It is said that the ‘godly’ people of that era fought against the Gadianton Robbers, defeating and eliminating this secret society of evil doers - but they managed to reform again a number of times throughout history.

In the 1870s, freight haulers moving through the Gadianton Canyon reported that bands of ancient Gadianton Robbers could be seen roaming this red rock canyon area of desert and low rugged mountains.

Among many of the Mormon faithful today, Gadianton Canyon is considered a place where the ‘veil between worlds’ is thinner, and it has long been considered an area to avoid because of the strange phenomenon that can occur there.

Do the tales of the Mormon holy book have their origin in possible rifts between alternate realities existing in this region? Did those four college girls drive a Chevrolet straight through a doorway to a parallel world? The case remains among Utah’s most lasting unexplained mysteries.

Energy Sphere Transportation

Imagine if you could step inside a kind of magical sphere made up of pure light energy, and that you could ride this magical vehicle into other dimensions.

It would be like your own personal transport vehicle into parallel worlds.

Sounds pretty far-fetched, right? It's something out of a fantasy novel or science fiction movie. But many people contend that these 'energy sphere transports' do exist and that people have actually been using them for thousands of years.

But before we tell you more about the history of these pan-dimensional transport 'devices' it will be interesting to recount the stories of ordinary people today who have not only seen such inter-world energy transports, but have also interacted with people riding around inside them.

Off-Duty Police Officers Encounter a Sphere

The first story comes to us from the northern regions of the state of New York. It received a minor mention in local newspapers when these events occurred in 2004, but the larger story would only come out later as UFO investigators and others took the story more seriously than the general press did, and subsequently published their results on various websites.

A sheriff's deputy, David Crow, and his buddy, Stephen Wagner, also a police officer, were on a fishing trip in the scenic Adirondack Mountains region of upstate New York. A third person accompanied the two off-duty officers, but this man preferred not to be identified, except by his first name, Tom.

It was a beautiful spring day, 18 April 2004. Evening was just setting in across the skies of upstate New York. The men were returning from a fishing jaunt on the lake and were tying their boat to a dock when they noticed a bluish light. There, out over the lake, they saw a small blue sphere, which they described as looking like 'one of those black lights popular with the kids'. They said the sphere was about the size of a man's fist or perhaps a softball.

Fascinated, they watched as the glowing orb moved to the other side of

the lake where it passed over the land and appeared to settle behind a silo on an old abandoned farm site.

The men were far more intrigued than afraid and, because they were police officers, felt it was their duty to investigate further. The men got back into their boat and navigated across the small lake - over on the land, they could still see its glowing aura shining up into the gathering dark of the sky.

Now on the shore of the other side of the lake, the men embarked on to the beach and walked towards the farm buildings where the glowing light remained steady and, as they got closer, seemed to grow in intensity.

As they rounded the corner of an old farm building, they saw an amazing sight.

The men said the sphere was now about the size of a small compact automobile. It was still a vivid cobalt blue in colour but the sphere was transparent, like a large soap bubble. Inside they could easily make out two human forms - they appeared to be sitting in meditation, facing each other. Although they were seated, the men said there was no visible support for them to sit on - they were just suspended within the glowing sphere.

The couple inside the sphere looked like normal human beings. The woman had long blonde hair and was wearing an outfit of grey and black. The man had short blonde hair and was also dressed in grey and black. The man and the woman had their hands pressed together and they appeared to be sharing a kind of joint meditative state. Their eyes were closed.

The three flabbergasted men said they were just 20 or 30 feet away from the amazing object. The sphere itself appeared to have a watery or plasma-like consistency. It was clearly transparent but just slightly wavy on its surface.

David Crow was a smoker, and nervous or emotional situations tended to trigger his urge for a nicotine fix. He fished into his pocket for a cigarette and a lighter. When he flicked his flame, the flash of light attracted the attention of the mysterious occupants inside the sphere.

The woman turned her head and looked directly at the men. David said that despite the extraordinary circumstances, none of them felt the least sense of fear. The woman looked directly at them and smiled warmly. He described her smile as a ‘humble smile’. Then she lifted her arm slowly and waved at the men. David said that he waved back, which earned him another blissful smile from the woman.

The woman then did something quite remarkable - she reached down and pushed her hand through the barrier of the sphere, touched the grass and picked some of it up. After contemplating the green shoots in her palm, she then turned and pressed her hands back against the hands of her mate, and the sphere began to rise into the night sky.

The men watched in fascination as the glowing orb moved away into a sky glittering with stars. As David explained, the sphere moved towards the constellation of Orion and eventually faded into the third star of Orion's belt.

The experience left the three fishing buddies in a state of bewilderment, but they insisted the event was not fearful. It left them with no lasting sense of anxiety, but only a feeling of wonder for having encountered something so extremely strange.

Similar Encounters

As mind-blowing as the encounter of these off-duty New York police officers would seem to be, there are actually dozens of highly similar recorded sightings in modern history. Here are just a few examples:

Summer 1956 – Viale, Argentina.

On a warm summer evening a number of people were heading home after finishing work when they spotted a luminous sphere flying low above a set of railroad tracks. A lot of people excitedly gathered to watch the glowing orb. They described the object as being about six feet in diameter and said it appeared to be lighted from the inside. In the centre of the sphere they could see the figure of a man who appeared to be wearing a helmet. He also seemed to be working at some unseen controls, as if directly piloting the sphere. The group watched the object in utter amazement until it drifted off into the distance.

Autumn 1956 – Veluwe, Netherlands.

A woman was walking at night in the wooded fields behind her home. She spied a glowing light deep within the forest. Curious, she walked further into the woods to investigate and was stunned to come upon a large glowing sphere, being about eight feet high.

Inside the sphere she saw the shape of two men who looked mostly human, although their arms and legs seem thinner than normal and their

heads were a bit more rounded. She recalled that they might have been wearing helmets.

The men walked out of the sphere and appeared to be ‘burying things’ on the forest floor. As she watched, a third, much shorter man came stepping out of the glowing orb. He appeared to glance at a watch; it was as if he was impatient for the other two men to finish their work.

The woman continued to watch as the figures went in and out of the shining sphere, conducting some kind of activity which she could not make out. The sphere occupants eventually started a fire on the forest floor, as if by accident, which seemed to panic them somewhat. There was more frantic activity and the woman could see the figures moving around, carrying ‘tools’ and ‘boxes’ - they eventually re-entered their glowing globe. It began to swing like a pendulum and then vanished.

The next day the woman reported her sighting to others who went out to investigate the site. A shallow crater was found, as well as the remains of a ‘charred rubber boot’. Strangely, there was also a badly burned box that had the remains of some kind of ‘tubing’ inside of it. The eventual fate of the objects collected at the site is unknown, but the crater created at the location remains to this day.

1994 – Avebury, England.

In his 2012 book, *Lightquest*, seasoned British UFO investigator Andrew Collins described in great detail one of the most remarkable cases of an encounter with numerous glowing spheres that carried individuals inside who appeared to be directing the motion of each sphere.

This case is remarkably similar to that of David Crow and his friends in the Adirondacks of New York.

It was the summer of 1994 and a couple Andrew Collins identifies as Paul and Sonya decided to spend the afternoon climbing the famous Silbury Hill located in North Wiltshire. This is one of England’s ‘hottest’ UFO encounter areas, as well as ‘Ground Zero’ for crop circle activity. Silbury Hill is a man-made object constructed by ancient Britons.

Paul and Sonya climbed Silbury without incident. They were having a terrific time as the warm summer evening set in, and they settled to enjoy the balmy air and some stargazing. As the sky grew dark, the couple was suddenly confronted by a dense fog which they witnessed rolling in from the

direction of Avebury. The fog engulfed the hill around them, but left the summit clear.

The couple began to hear what sounded like footsteps coming up the side of the hill, as if someone was attempting to climb it in the dark and through the thick fog. This was unusual because the footfall sounds were coming from an area that came straight up the hill, rather than from the winding footpath that one would normally climb to gain access to the summit. The sound of people coming towards them in the fog was slightly unnerving, but their attention was soon drawn to a brightly glowing orange ball which appeared about 1.5 km to the southeast. They then noticed at least two more orbs, orange in colour, which appeared to be drifting along the summit of Silbury Hill. As they watched in fascination, still more orbs floated into view.

Sonya had a light in her backpack which she switched on, but she immediately turned it back off when she realized it only scattered in the fog, making visibility worse. But just as David Crow had flicked his cigarette lighter in New York, Sonya's flicker of light seemed to signal the glowing orbs. They altered their course and began to move toward Paul and Sonya.

What they saw next was extraordinary.

As the spheres came closer, they discerned that they were dangling beneath pyramid or tetrahedron-like structures. But what really made their minds reel is what they now saw inside the spheres - there appeared to be a human form in the centre of each one. They looked like people of short stature, perhaps four to four and a half feet tall, who were sitting in meditation, like Zen monks, situated in a lotus position.

They observed the spheres in rapt fascination for some time. They were stunned and baffled. One of the spheres contained not one but two individuals. At one point, this light sphere stopped, hovered, and the two 'little people' who were inside stood up, and holding hands, ventured outside the sphere. Hand-in-hand, the two floated just outside their glowing 'light vehicle' and stood suspended in the air above the English countryside. After a minute or two of a daring levitation outside their magic bubble, the beings re-entered the object.

At this point, there were numerous spheres 'strewn out like fairy lights' across a considerable area of the fields below Silbury Hill. They eventually drifted out of view, leaving Paul and Sonya astonished and wondering what it was that they had just witnessed.

The Merkabah Sphere

All of the baffling sightings described above have, for the most part, been ascribed to the UFO phenomenon, but this may be an example of how our culture grasps at what the current and most popular paranormal ‘fad’ is in play at the time.

The fact is that all of these sightings of occupied floating spheres of light fit the description of what has been known in more than one tradition as the ‘Merkabah Sphere’.

The term ‘Merkabah’ come from ancient Hebrew and translates literally as ‘vehicle to ride in’. The objects, which are round glowing spheres, are described in the first chapter of the Book of Ezekiel. Merkabah spheres are described as vehicles that could carry people to ‘heavenly palaces’.

Mention of Merkabah spheres have been found in ancient texts, the oldest mention of which is dated to 1,000 BC in the Hebrew tradition, but there are even older references of these spiritual spherical vehicles in Egyptian sacred writings.

In the ancient Egyptian language, ‘Mer’ means ‘Light,’ ‘Ka’ means ‘spirit’ and ‘Ba’ means ‘body’ - so a Merkabah sphere is a kind of spiritual light body. There was obviously a confluence between Hebrew and Egyptian influences, the connections of which are lost in the mists of time.

The concept of the Merkabah sphere is more than just a description of a specific object or kind of trans-human vehicle. There is an entire tradition both among ancient Hebrew and Egyptian religions known as ‘Merkabah Mysticism’. This was a highly developed methodology involving a variety of esoteric and secretive practices which was forbidden to all but the most accomplished spiritual adepts of ancient Jewish mystical traditions.

Part of the reason that practicing Merkabah techniques was considered dangerous for those who didn’t fully understand what they were dabbling with, was the possibility of an individual ‘being carried away’ to ‘other realms’ and ‘other dimensions’ where they might be lost.

There are very specific and particular methods of meditation described by which spiritually advanced people can ‘generate a personal Merkabah sphere’. This is a profound clue considering the case studies we have described in this chapter. In both the New York and Silbury Hill cases, for example, the ‘beings’ or individuals witnessed to be inside the glowing

sphere appeared to be engaged in the practice of meditation.

In light of all the evidence, Merkabah Mysticism and Merkabah meditation techniques would seem to be a plausible explanation for a number of incidents in the past century in which stunned ‘ordinary people’ have unexpectedly encountered floating energy spheres with people inside who tend to be positioned in meditative postures.

What the ancients called ‘heavenly palaces’ and ‘other realms’ almost certainly refers to what we might call ‘parallel universes’ today. Some parallel universes might be very similar to our own, and as mundane as our own - but among the millions, billions and trillions of such universes available, many of them may very well indeed be ‘heavenly palaces’.

Unexpected Slips from Other Worlds

It's been a common feature of mankind to ascribe mystical explanations to natural wonders. For example, many ancient cultures choose to personify the power of thunder and lightning to the activity of Gods. Zeus hurled thunderbolts, as did Thor who was also a god of thunder, and a raging storm on the sea was credited to the wrath of Poseidon.

For centuries, the sudden appearance of a comet in the sky was a harbinger of doom. A total eclipse of the sun was viewed by the ancient Chinese as a dragon swallowing the sun.

Such explanations hold sway until science eventually catches up with the facts and cobbles together a reasonable explanation. Today we can clarify lightning as a natural discharge of electricity between air and earth, and thunder as being hot and cold masses of air crashing together in the atmosphere.

Once we know the answers, it seems easy to look back with smugness on our ancestors and mock their naive beliefs. But before we get too comfortable, perhaps we should acknowledge that the very same process is still happening today - and this is where we re-join our discussion of parallel worlds.

The idea that parallel worlds might exist has only recently entered the realm of 'legitimate science' but, even so, it still has not been accepted fully. The majority of physicists are now ready to admit there are parallel worlds, but they are still limiting this reality to the tiny subatomic world of quantum mechanics. Scientists say:

'Okay, parallel universes exist, but this does not affect us on the macro level in terms of our everyday lives.'

But perhaps that's not the case at all.

When we look back through history, we see example after example of people who have experienced possible encounters with parallel universes. Modern science may be making the same mistakes our ancestors did in their attempts to 'explain things away'.

Scientists are constantly grasping at the old standards – 'hallucinations' or 'ignorance' or 'hoaxes' - in the same way that our ancestors opted for

‘gods’ to explain what they feared and could not understand. But now that the scientific reality of parallel universes is gaining greater acceptance, perhaps it’s time to take a closer look at cases from history like these:

The Strange Case of Gil Perez

In the dusty archives in Mexico City library, a historian researching the early days of the Spanish conquest of Mexico came across a small item among official bureaucratic records - it was the story of a Spanish soldier by the name of Gil Perez.

It seems that Gil Perez appeared suddenly on the streets of Mexico City on 26 October 1593. He was confused and disoriented but, even more oddly, he was dressed in the uniform of a Spanish soldier serving in the Philippine Islands some 9,000 miles away. The Philippines were also a Spanish holding in that era of European expansion across the seas and around the globe.

When authorities asked why he was dressed as a soldier serving the Spanish Crown in the Philippines, Perez was confounded by their question. He said,

‘Well, that’s where I am!’

Perez was stunned when they told him that he was actually on the other side of the earth, in the western hemisphere, in the new Spanish territory of Mexico.

Perez insisted that it couldn’t be so, although he admitted to having experienced something bizarre. Whilst on duty as a guard for the palace of the governor of the Philippines, Don Gomez Perez Dasmarinas, he said a sudden feeling of dizziness made him very tired, so he just closed his eyes for a moment to sleep. When he awoke, he heard ‘loud popping noises’ and also witnessed ‘strange dancing lights’. When he began to see things more clearly, he found himself in a strange place, but decided to say nothing because he was upset and confused by his unexplainable predicament.

Perez was also distressed because he said that the governor had just been assassinated. He knew all the details about how the governor was killed - by a group of Chinese rowers who served as galley slaves for Spanish vessels. For some reason, Governor Dasmarinas had allowed his rowers this time to remain unshackled, and even allowed them access to their weapons. It was a serious mistake which cost the governor his life.

Two months after the assassination incident and the disappearance of Gil

Perez, a ship arrived in Mexico from the Philippines. To everyone's surprise, the sailors carried news of the assassination of Governor Dasmarinas by a mutinous Chinese galley crew - just as Gil Perez had described. There was also a cadre of soldiers on the newly arrived ship, some of whom knew Gil Perez, and they were stunned to see him in Mexico! One of the crew knew Gil intimately because they had served on the same tour of guard duty at the Philippine governor's residence. The soldier confirmed that Gil had been on duty in the Philippines, and that he had mysteriously disappeared.

Some of the latter details of the fate of Gil Perez are contradictory. One account says that his strange feat earned him a jail cell, a trial for practicing sorcery and witchcraft, and execution by burning at the stake - while other documents say he eventually returned to the Philippines where he lived out the remainder of his life in an uneventful way.

The story of Gil Perez has long been written off as just one of those unexplainable mysteries, and most have relegated it to hearsay and fantasy. But in light of what we know today about parallel universes - and the potential for people to accidentally or spontaneously 'slide through' a potential rift between worlds - perhaps we finally have a good scientific explanation of an unusual event which is a matter of historical record.

The Green Children of Woolpit

In the 12th Century in the village of Woolpit of Suffolk, England, local residents were amazed when two extremely odd visitors came wandering into their town one late summer day during the time of harvest. They were two small children who appeared lost - but these were no ordinary children.

They had green skin.

Despite their emerald hue, the children were normal human beings in all other physical respects. They were obviously brother and sister, perhaps a year or two apart in age. The boy was the younger of the pair. They spoke no English, but had a fully developed language of their own. This language resembled no other known language of the era. They also wore odd clothing, unlike any style of dress ever see in Suffolk.

The children were taken in by a Woolpit resident by the name of Roger de Calne. At first, the children refused to eat any food that was offered to them, but when the pair spotted some bean pods, they eagerly ate them, but only the 'pitch' of the bean pod. Eventually, however, the children were

obligated by necessity to eat normal food, and the green colour of their skin faded and became normal.

Sadly, the boy grew weak and died shortly after he and his sister were baptized. The girl continued to thrive, however, and eventually learned English. Once she was able to communicate well, the girl had a strange tale to tell.

She claimed that she and her brother were from a place called St Martin's Land. This was a land of no sunshine, being a place of permanent twilight. She also said that it was a land where 'everything was green'.

The girl said that she and her brother had been herding cattle on their father's land when they heard a sudden loud noise, after which they became disoriented and lost. Distressed and frightened, they became aware of a glimmering light - they found what they described as a 'river of light' which they followed. After a short time of wandering they found themselves in a strange area next to a wolf pit. A wolf pit was just that - a deep pit dug to trap wolves. It is from this that the village of Woolpit gets its name.

The original story of the Green Children appears in two chronicles of the era: *The Chronicum Anglicanum* written by Ralph of Coggeshall in 1189, and *The Historia Rerum Alglicarum by* William of Newburgh, which was published in 1220.

Since then, the story of the Green Children has become one of the most studied and discussed in all of ancient English folklore, and dozens of theories have been offered to either explain away this event as fiction, or verify it in terms of having been an actual event.

It's almost certain that, for the most part, the story is not fiction; at the very least, it is roughly based on a true event. This is partially borne out by the fact that the little 'green girl' eventually grew up and married. She is known to have become the wife of Richard Barre, an extremely well-known and important English justice, clergyman and scholar.

The green girl was given the name Agnes. Before her marriage, she gained a considerable reputation as a 'loose woman'. It is said that she was 'wanton and impudent'. After her marriage, however, she became a respectable member of English society because of her husband's prestigious positions in the courts of King Henry II and Richard I.

Most scholars take one of two approaches:

Some relegate the story to a garbled version of a story based on actual

events, but whose details have been exaggerated and altered over the years.

For example, one historian suggests that the children were suffering from a known medical condition called chlorosis. This condition was caused by a nutritionally poor diet, but which would clear up once a regular diet was restored. Also, in the 11th Century, vast differences in language and dialect could be quite extreme between communities – even those within a relatively close geographical distance to each other.

The difficulty of travel in those days meant that members of a particular village or settlement tended to live out their lives within just a few miles of their homes. A person from just 50 miles away was almost like a person from another country. This could also account for the strange clothing style of the children.

Others say the story bears many hallmarks of classic folklore archetypes. There are many tales, for example, of 'little people' such as elves and fairies, who tend to be green in colour. These mystical beings are also often said to live in underground realms beneath the earth - and this could account for the children's description of their land as one of no sunlight and permanent twilight.

But perhaps all of the above can now be put aside for what might be the best explanation:

That the green children were refugees from a parallel universe!

Several aspects of the story are highly consistent with the dozens of other parallel universe encounters that have emerged in the media in recent years. For example, the children claimed to have heard strange loud noises, and they then followed what they described as a 'river of light'. Loud banging or popping noises combined with light effects are extremely consistent in parallel universe encounters, and similar phenomenon, such as UFO abductions.

The parallel universe scenario may also satisfy the dictum known as *Occam's razor* - that the simplest and most elegant explanation is usually the one most likely to be true. Both the garbled historical account theory and the folklore origin theory are not simple and elegant. They both require that numerous stubborn 'facts' must be explained away or discounted as not being facts. Many logical 'Band-Aids' sand strained accommodations are needed to prop up both the garbled historical theory and folklore theory.

That the Green Children were castaways from a nearby parallel world

may be the most plausible explanation of all.

St Philip

We also see evidence of parallel world slips in none other than the most reprinted and widely distributed book of all time - the *Bible*. Many have suggested that the apostle Philip stumbled into a parallel universe and came back almost instantly '30 furlongs' (about 20 miles) away.

This is the passage, from the Book of Acts, Chapter 8, verse 27.

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And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on this way rejoicing.

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But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

Of course, Jesus himself is well known to have displayed the ability to transport himself instantly from one location to another, a feat which he performed at least a dozen times throughout the description of his activities in the Gospels.

Could it be that the 'method behind' the miracles of Jesus be partially attributed to his ability to access parallel worlds and slip in and out of them at will? Most of the Christian faithful would perhaps see this as an unnecessary add-on to explain the supernatural powers of a deified being - but it must be noted that by simply explaining the amazing abilities of Jesus to 'miracles' is similar to the approach taken by our ancestors when they ascribed thunder and lightning to 'the gods'.

If Jesus was manipulating and leveraging parallel worlds, that does not diminish the importance of his acts and legacy. Perhaps it does just the opposite. By providing a model or explanation for how certain miracles of the Bible were performed, credibility is gained as we get a more complete picture of just how our wonderfully strange universe actually works.

Portals to Parallel Worlds

Some investigators of strange phenomenon believe that there are certain locations on the earth which are natural portals that lead into parallel worlds. These locations tend to be positioned along 'ley lines' which some say are 'energy corridors' or natural earth pathways that run in straight lines and connect a variety of ancient sites.

Positioned along ley lines one will find ancient monolithic structures that have held great meaning and mystery for thousands of years, such as Stonehenge and dozens of other Neolithic stone monument sites across Great Britain. Other examples are the Egyptian pyramids of course, as well as other pyramidal structures around the globe.

The theory is that ancient people were somehow tuned into a base of knowledge that has long since been lost. These ancients were well aware of the energized ley lines of the earth, and built monuments along them to tap into that energy for their own religious purposes, but perhaps also for more practical needs - from healing to channelling knowledge from 'other' sources.

They may even have used them to physically travel between dimensions.

The major sites, such as Stonehenge and the Pyramids are frequently discussed, but there are a number of other more obscure sites that local individuals have encountered, either by accident or through investigative research, as portals to other dimensions, or other worlds.

A prime example is at a location that at first might seem rather remote and obscure. However, one dedicated investigator has made strenuous efforts to tell the world that he has discovered an actual portal to parallel worlds here - and it's near the village of Settle in England's North Yorkshire.

The Settle Sundial, North Yorkshire.

In Britain the small town of Settle is believed to have been established in the 7th Century. Today, with a population of a little over 2,400 souls, Settle is just another small village, but happens to be a popular location for tourists to pass through, and perhaps stay a night or two.

However, one of the UK's most experienced and long-time UFO investigators says that a variety of strange events has led him to believe that a

location in the picturesque wooded countryside near Settle is an inter-dimensional portal to other worlds. He also says he has voluminous photographic and video evidence of otherworldly objects making their appearance near the doorway of the portal.

Nigel Mortimer says that he was once an ‘ordinary bloke’ and a ‘couple of pints and fish and chips’ kind of guy living an ordinary life when, one day in 1980, he had an encounter that completely changed the course of the rest of his life.

Nigel lived near the Ilkley moors of Yorkshire, an area long known for paranormal activity. It is also the location of some of the most ancient stone monument structures of the early Britons.

One day in 1980 Nigel looked out of his window, and there across the night sky above the moorlands he observed an orange glowing globe. Although amazed, Nigel inexplicably and completely forgot about the sighting by the next morning. But the next day when he went to work he saw a newspaper account which reported that a number of people had sighted ‘an orange UFO’ over Ilkley Moor.

This information caused Nigel’s encounter to come crashing back into his mind. But it was more than that - Nigel’s witnessing of the glowing orange globe seemed to trigger an intense obsession within him. Suddenly, this ‘ordinary bloke’ who was recently married and loved to drive a motorcycle could think of almost nothing else but UFOs. He had never had an interest in UFO phenomenon before.

The obsession led Nigel to become an avid amateur UFO investigator. His drive to pursue answers about the UFO phenomenon cost him his first marriage and more than one job over the years. He also endured his share of scorn and belittlement from know-it-all sceptical types. But Mortimer felt he had no choice but to press on. He was instrumental and a founding member of some of the most respected UFO investigation teams in the UK, including the Northern UFO Network.

Over the years, Nigel came to believe that the UFO phenomenon was far more complex than those theories generally offered by the general UFO investigative community. He came to the conclusion that sightings and encounters with ‘strange beings’ probably had a lot less to do with spacecraft from other planets and galaxies, than it did with a rich variety of inter-dimensional activity occurring between the ancient peoples of earth, possibly

alien beings from elsewhere, and other ‘lost’ species of human-like beings that had once lived on our earth, but disappeared millennia ago.

Encountering the Settle Portal

In the spring of 2011, Nigel saw an amazing sight - two RAF fighter jets chasing a ‘silver ball UFO’ over the woodlands near Settle. It prompted him to begin investigating the area further although he was not particularly surprised when a number of local residents told him that they had also been fairly frequent witnesses to strange glowing objects in the sky. However, his interest was definitely spiked when some told him they had seen ‘lightships’ descending below the treetops in a specific area where there was a large natural, rocky outcropping known as Castleberg.

The Castleberg formation appeared to be a kind of epicentre of UFO activity. It was almost as if this geological rock outcropping was serving as a doorway or ‘portal’ for strange crafts from another world that came and went.

Visiting the site frequently, walking the wooded area, and often taking pictures and making videos, Nigel captured numerous images of anomalous objects. Much of the time the object could not be seen while taking the picture, or when playing back the video. But in the process of analysing his footage, Nigel decided to slow his digital video down to a 200 percent slower speed - and this was when dozens of strange, unnatural and unexplainable objects were revealed moving about in the area.

Something was clearly happening in this location. Taking his investigation further, Nigel visited local libraries and other civic sites containing dusty, yellowed records about the Settle community.

He discovered that more than 400 years ago, there had apparently been an unusual structure near the Castleberg rock - four large standing stones that were positioned in a vertical line up and down the hillside. Nigel has dubbed this structure the ‘Settle Sundial’.

The records also showed something that he found exceedingly odd - that the British government had made a strenuous effort to have the Settle Sundial removed, and replace it with something else.

…But why? There seemed to be no satisfactory explanation. The entire event was shrouded in secrecy. In addition to this, Nigel learned that none other than the great Isaac Newton had visited the Settle area, and was believed to have studied the site of the strange monuments. History shows

that Newton made a number of lasting acquaintances and friends among the people of Settle.

With all the evidence taken together - both historic and present day sightings – Nigel Mortimer's investigation led to the conclusion that he had identified a genuine 'inter-dimensional portal' between our world and an unknown number of dimensions beyond - perhaps an unlimited number of parallel universes. The Settle Sundial, Nigel maintains, must be a kind of hub or way station between worlds.

He documents his full theory and findings in his book, *Isaac Newton and the Secret Sun Dial Portal.* Nigel Mortimer is also a frequent lecturer and makes numerous appearances at seminars in which he shows his photographic and video evidence - strange images of bizarre objects, as well as blurred vortex like 'portals' photographed at the Settle location.

To be sure, Nigel has more than his share of critics and debunkers, some of whom heap scorn upon his theories and photographic evidence. But he is by far not the only person claiming to have witnessed strange events in the woods surrounding Settle. There have been hundreds of sightings of glowing orbs, UFO-like craft and areas of 'blurred' vortex like activity. If Nigel Mortimer has a highly active imagination, then so do a lot of other people who independently report unexplained happenings in this location.

Nigel Mortimer is now seeking funds to make a movie about the Settle Sundial. He says bringing this message to the world is of the utmost importance. He feels that people need to know that this 'portal' truly exists, and are also aware that certain efforts have been made by powerful people to keep it a secret.

Nigel is convinced that the location of an inter-dimensional portal in this remote North Yorkshire location is something the world deserves to know about.

The Chocolate City

Burlington, Wisconsin, is a small town of 10,000 in the American upper Midwest. It has long been known as 'Chocolate City' because the Swiss multinational corporation, Nestlé, built a chocolate factory there in 1966.

But in recent years, Burlington's fame as Chocolate City has been eclipsed by another more bizarre kind of notoriety - that of being a major location for parallel universe and vortex activity.

The sheer number of encounters with what witnesses describe as 'parallel world' experiences has prompted local residents to conduct the 'Burlington Vortex Conference' annually for the past six years.

It might sound like a PR stunt cooked up by the local Chamber of Commerce to attract tourists, but the Vortex Conference is anything but popular with many residents of the city. A lot of people wish it would 'just go away'. Some say the event attracts a lot of 'kooks' and *'makes us small-town Wisconsin folks seem nutty.'*

But the stubborn fact is that strange encounters keep occurring here, and they often happen in front of multiple witnesses. There is also photographic and video evidence galore. Furthermore, a study of the history of the region reveals that a wide variety of bizarre phenomenon has been occurring in this area for thousands of years.

However, while the strange activity documented in the Burlington area has been a magnet for UFO investigators, mystics, psychics and sundry New Agers, it is the solid, documented cases of the unexplained that have truly driven Burlington's identification as what some call, 'The Vortex Capital of the World.'

Woman Stumbles into 'Blissful' Parallel World

In 1984, the *Milwaukee Journal*, the region's major newspaper, reported the story of Doris Klegstead who stumbled into one of the most bizarre experiences of her life.

Doris was hiking in a rural area near Burlington, which happens to be the location of a number of ancient Native American burial mounds. Archaeologists say the mounds were built by what they call the Adena

culture, and date back to at least 200 BC. The Adena Culture is a general term (not the name of an original culture) used for ancient mound building peoples about which next to nothing is known. The domed structures they built across the American Midwest remain largely shrouded in mystery, although theories abound.

It was near one of these mounds that Doris was walking with her dog, when she felt a 'sudden blurring' after which she began to experience a feeling of intense bliss. There were a few more moments of disorientation. When she was able to finally clear her head and get her bearings, Doris looked around and found her situation to be extraordinary.

'*I was in an entirely different place … I mean, really different. All around me were trees that had pitch-black trunks with dark purple leaves … but the leaves were strange, like stringy fronds,'* she said.

Doris said the sky was a 'dark, umber red' and the ground beneath her was exceedingly odd, as if she were standing on a thick layer of spongy moss.

'*I should have been frightened out of my mind, but I was just completely overwhelmed with a feeling of total happiness … I felt as if a wind of joy was blowing against my body, penetrating my very being and passing right through me … I felt as if every pain and anxiety I have ever carried with me was being washed away.'*

As Doris stumbled around, gaping in wonder and absorbing her alien environment in a kind of rapture, she became aware of the sound of the barking of her dog. She looked ahead and presently saw her Australian Shepherd running back and forth frantically, '*as if it were outside a bubble, trying to get in.*'

It seemed that whatever 'portal' or 'doorway' she had inadvertently stumbled through, her dog had not been able to follow her. But the dog seemed to sense where she had gone and was trying frantically to run to her side.

'I walked toward my dog, and when I got close, I reached out to touch him,' she said.

As soon as she made contact with the furry coat of her dog, the whole experience collapsed and she was back in the Wisconsin woodlands - the normal countryside of greens trees, green grass, blue skies and a ground made of loose gravel - ordinary terra firma.

'I can't say how long the experience lasted,' she said. *'It might have been minutes, it might have been hours. I just know it happened. And, no, I wasn't smoking pot or taking hallucinogenic mushrooms - even though that would make more sense to me. All I know is that I somehow stepped into another world for a short time, and thanks to my dog, I got back out.'*

Interestingly, in the shamanic traditions of the Potawatomi culture, the Native Americans indigenous to Wisconsin, it is held that ancient medicine men created three kinds of vortex portals in this area: A positive vortex, a negative vortex and a mirror vortex.

Operating together, the three kinds of vortex portals work to create a natural balance which allows access to other realms, while maintaining a stable environment for 'ordinary' people who do not wield the powers of the shaman. It was the shamans who used these portals to communicate with the spirit world, according to Indian tradition. Entering the 'positive' vortex was said to be a source of healing and brings benefits of many kinds - mental, physical and spiritual.

Doris Klegstead had no knowledge of Native American spiritual belief systems prior to her extraordinary experience in 1984, but when she learned later of the 'positive vortex' she felt a shiver go up her spine. She said:

'When I heard that the Indians claimed to have opened different kinds of portals centuries ago, and that one of them was a positive healing doorway, I knew immediately in my heart that this is what I encountered. I had never heard of such a thing before. As strange as it seems, I was extremely relieved because it meant I wasn't going crazy, or had some kind of problem with my brain that might have produced my experience.'

A Vast Area of Activity

Burlington is located in the southeast portion of the state of Wisconsin, and this general area has proven to be a hotbed of not just vortex activity, but a variety of related phenomenon, including abundant UFO sightings. In the nearby city of Belleville, for example, a number of witnesses claim to have observed a 'shining UFO' descend into what they call 'an underground UFO base'.

That this area is rich in 'leaky portals between worlds' may also explain the number of sightings of extremely strange creatures. The examples are many, and here are just a few:

* In the fall of 1991, frightened motorists reported to police that they had seen a *large creature that looked like a cross between an ape and a coyote*. It was standing on all fours by a cornfield. After staring at the shocked motorists, it turned and loped off into the tall-standing corn.

* On 27 October 2007, a group of people near the small town of Oconto Falls saw what they described as a l*arge flying reptile*. One man in the group, Sean, described the creature to local writer Linda Godfrey:

'T*he creature was almost silent as it flew and appeared larger than an aeroplane. It had a prominent tail, leathery or bat like wings, a long neck, a narrow pointed head, and scales that cast a dim reflection of the streetlights below.'*

* In the mid-1990s, a wildlife expert who was a warden of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources was driving along Highway 13 near the small town of Medford, Wisconsin. Suddenly, there standing in the middle of the highway was what he described as *a large humanoid lizard man, standing erect on two legs.* He moved his car closer to the eerie figure when it suddenly unfurled a large set of wings from behind its back and lifted into the air!

It didn't just fly away, however. As if to show it was not afraid of the DNR man, it promptly landed on the highway behind his car. It turned and looked at the driver as if to say, *'Okay, your move.*' But the DNR agent decided he had seen enough and drove his car away.

The sighting of the DNR officer might be written off as an hallucination but, a week later, a truck loaded with a Wisconsin Highway Department road crew sighted the same 'winged lizard man' very near where it had first been encountered by the DNR wildlife expert.

* In the Wisconsin countryside near the city of Wausau, three teenagers were out stargazing on a summer's evening. They were tending a campfire next to a small body of water known to local people as 'The Pit'. This is a natural rocky depression where about 20 feet of water forms a natural pool.

As the boys chatted and kept their eyes peeled for meteors, the three young men were somewhat taken aback when a bright light appeared to emerge from The Pit. It came in 'three bursts, like a strobe light' and was bright enough to drown out the light of the campfire.

The boys were stunned and perplexed by what had just happened. They stood around and blinked in the dark, the flashes from The Pit still impacting

their vision as an after effect on their night-attuned eyes.

Suddenly, they heard rustling noises coming from a tall stand of corn about 30 feet away. They pointed a flashlight in that direction and received the shock of their lives: Standing there was a bizarre creature unlike any they had ever seen before.

They described the entity as having a human-type body with no fur. It had skin that was leathery and greyish-tan in colour. It was extremely thin, looking almost starved, with well-defined muscles. They could easily see the rib cage of the creature beneath its leathery-grey skin. The boys said the beast's head was 'cat-like' with pointed ears and extremely large, pointed yellow eyes. It had no tail and stood in a hunched crouch, as if ready to spring.

The creature turned towards the light and ran away from them at '*what seemed like 200 mph*.' It vanished into a dark set of woods across an open meadow.

A creature matching the description of this sighting has been seen more than a dozen times in the area of southeast Wisconsin and had been dubbed the '*Wausa Whatzit*'.

In and Out through the Portals

The sheer number of sightings of weird, bizarre and seemingly completely 'unreal' creatures, entities and beasts in southeast Wisconsin can (and has) filled entire books. Our point here is to demonstrate that, at the very least, something exceedingly strange is happening in this area.

Theories about parallel universes, partially bolstered by advances in the understanding of quantum theory, has given us a new way to look at this phenomenon and provide possible explanations.

Certainly, Native American tradition has held for centuries that shamans had been active in manipulating portals to other dimensions of reality. Although acknowledged by historians and folklorists, the knowledge of the Indians has been explained away as just that - the folklore of a simple, hunter-gatherer people who never developed modern science.

But perhaps science can now come full circle. The most plausible explanation the next time Bigfoot or a lizard man or a flying dragon is sighted – or perhaps even a UFO ascending into the earth and disappearing into the side of a hill – surely has to be that it is evidence that portals to

parallel worlds are serving as doorways where strange beings, vehicles and entities occasionally stumble into our universe - and sometimes we in turn stumble into theirs.

The Multiple Individual Experiencing a Multidimensional World

Most physicists now agree that our universe is a multiple universe. When physicist Hugh Everett III first introduced his Many Worlds Interpretation in 1957, it was greeted with disbelief, scientific objections and even scorn. But today, the majority of physicists around the world are on board endorsing this as the best model to explain the weird world of quantum mechanics.

It is often said that the most radical new idea requires at least one generation to pass before it can become regarded as truth and scientific fact. Perhaps the great political and spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi said it best:

'First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win.'

At first, the Many Worlds Interpretation seemed too loaded down with metaphysical baggage, and it also seemed contrary to a basic common-sense way of looking at the world. But as Hugh Everett himself pointed out, the flat-earthers of antiquity said the very same thing when a few radical thinkers began to insist that the earth was round - and not only was the earth round, but it was not the centre of the solar system.

Rather than being flat like a table and having the sun rise and set on either side of that table, the earth was a huge round object that rotated around the sun and, not only that, it spun on its axis while spinning around the sun!

At first, critics had a field day:

'If the earth is round and spinning, why doesn't everything that's not attached just fly right off?'

Some said:

'If the earth was spinning, how would birds find their way back to their nests after flying away from the ground?'

Also:

'The Bible clearly states that the earth is flat, that it has four corners and that the sun revolves around the earth - anything that does not support this notion is heresy!'

But the truth always wins out - eventually. As radical as the idea of a round earth was a few centuries ago, Everett's Many Worlds seemed just as

ludicrous even to the best scientists of the day. But the world seems to have caught up to, and come to grips with, this strange new reality.

The Multiple Individual

Now let's switch to the individual human being and another similar proposal that has been gaining a greater level of acceptance since the idea was first introduced (or perhaps reintroduced) nearly 50 years ago.

This idea is that every human being is not simply a discrete individual - but a multiple individual. Just as there are an infinite number of parallel universes branching out throughout the cosmos, there is almost certainly as many versions of 'you' and 'me' as there are versions of each parallel universe.

But wait - it gets even more complex than this. On a spiritual level, every person may represent just a single branch or manifestation of each 'soul' which is their 'source.'

Let's back up a bit, and explain:

In the late 1960s, Jane Roberts, a somewhat obscure poet and writer of science fiction stories for pulp magazines, was living in a small town in New York. On one summer's day she unexpectedly experienced something quite out of the ordinary.

It was during a storm, crackling with thunder and flashing lightning. Without warning, Jane Roberts suddenly felt her 'consciousness just fly right out' of her body. She felt herself soaring through the streets of her neighbourhood, and she also felt a tremendous connection with everything. She was infused with the overwhelming impression everything was 'alive'. The trees, the leaves on those trees, the bark - it all seemed to throb with life. But it was more than just living things - at one point in her flight, she perceived a rusty nail half-sticking out of a window. It came to her with great clarity that even the iron atoms in that old nail were '*alive, and in possession of their own consciousness.*'

This from a woman who, up to that point, considered herself an atheist who favoured rational scientific explanations to model her world view.

When she 'returned' to her physical body, Jane was in for another surprise. While she had 'been out' she noticed that she had written a lengthy essay on the notepad she had been holding in her lap during her spontaneous out-of-body event. The title of the essay was: *The Physical Universe as Idea*

Construction.

She had no memory of having penned this poem-prose style essay, even though it was clearly her own handwriting. The essay contained an outline of a fantastic cosmology which framed all existence in terms of ‘a fundamental intelligent consciousness’ that was ‘everything’.

The event would prove to be only the beginning of a lifetime journey which would lead to the writing and publication of more than 40 books, all of them dictated to her via ‘channelling’ a hyper-intelligent entity that called itself ‘Seth.’ Seth described himself as a ‘disincarnate energy consciousness’ who had lived as a human being on earth through thousands of physical incarnations, but that he was now focused as a ‘disembodied being’ only.

Jane’s association with Seth would last until her death in 1984. She is credited with starting the New Age movement. After her books began to sell millions of copies, the idea of ‘channelling’ became extremely popular - it was basically a reborn version of what is essentially ‘mediumship’ and/or ‘automatic writing’. But Jane had brought it to a whole new level.

The difference was the astonishing scope, quality and captivating ideas of Seth. This was more than just a medium writing down the mundane thoughts of ghosts. Through thousands of ages and millions of words, Seth brought forward a philosophy of unbelievable depth and complexity but, at the same time, his ideas resonated with people all over the world.

The Oversoul

Among Seth’s teachings was the idea that each individual on the planet was in possession of a soul, but not just a singular personal soul as in one soul riding around in each physical body. Rather, Seth proclaimed that each person was ‘a projection’ of an Oversoul, and that this Oversoul was also projecting hundreds of other people into physical incarnations throughout many eras of time.

In other words, it’s as if a thousand people living in physical bodies here on earth were all sharing the same soul - an Oversoul. But each physical incarnation of the Oversoul was most likely living in another timeline. In a sense, each person generated by the Oversoul is basically the same person, but with various differences in personality, and a certain individuality of their own.

Look at it this way:

Let’s say that John Smith is living his life today in the year 2014. Now let’s say that Mr Smith decides to visit a past-life regression hypnotherapist because he wants to recover memories from a past life. The therapist puts him into deep trance, and John Smith recalls being a man named Henry Thompson who was born in 1840 and died in 1863 fighting in the American Civil War.

John Smith would come away from his session believing that he has a ‘past life’ as a soldier in the Civil War. He would think that Henry Thompson lived and died more than 100 years ago, and now he is gone - but still living in the sense that he is reborn today, incarnated as John Smith.

While this would be true, it would not be entirely true - or at least, it’s not quite the most accurate way to look at the situation. According to Seth, John Smith and Henry Thompson are both projections of the same Oversoul. Furthermore, the Oversoul itself is outside of time - it exists in a timeless state in the non-physical environment. From the perspective of the Oversoul, John Smith and Henry Thompson are both alive and exist at the same time.

Now the Oversoul would have many more ‘soul children’ than just John Smith and Henry Thompson. It may be projecting hundreds or thousands of other people into physical reality throughout vast eras of time. John Smith may have incarnations in the years 1500, 72 BC, 3,000 AD, as well as incarnations during an innumerable number of other times and locations.

All these incarnations would be ‘alive’ all at once from the standpoint of the Oversoul - which is perched in its position outside the linear flow of time - in a state of eternal timelessness.

The way we think about a ‘past life’ is actually a kind of misnomer because we are confused by our generally accepted, but inaccurate, notion of time. We have come to believe that time is linear, that it flows in one direction only, from past to present and on into the future. This is what Isaac Newton called *‘the arrow of time’*.

But Isaac Newton is the ultimate embodiment of classical physics - classical physics must now be considered a subset of a more complex and multidimensional system of physics called quantum physics.

In quantum theory, perhaps as best embodied by Albert Einstein, the flow of time is not one directional like an arrow, nor does it flow at just one rate. Einstein showed that time can speed up or slowdown in relation to an object based on how fast that object is moving. It can also move backward and

forward, or swirl like a whirlpool in a river.

Furthermore, Einstein himself said that ultimately time is ‘just a persistent illusion’. The way we look at time today is really just a handy modelling tool that helps us make sense of our reality - but our conception of reality is severely limited.

One of the astounding implications of all this is that our other selves - our reincarnational selves - are not any more ‘dead’ than we are. John Smith’s previous life as Henry Thompson in the 1860s is still very much alive today. This is what Seth called *simultaneous time*. All times, all eras, all centuries, all exist at once - every moment of past, present and future is ‘enfolded’ with the ‘eternal now’ or the ‘eternal present’.

Many Times, Many Dimensions.

Not only does an Oversoul project individual physical lives across a vast array of centuries, Seth said that the Oversoul also projects lives across multiple dimensions - or through parallel universes.

This obviously makes for an even more complex and dynamic picture. Seth fully acknowledged the existence of an infinite number of parallel universes - exactly as predicted by the mathematical equations of Hugh Everett III and his Many Worlds Interpretation.

Confirmed by Others

Hardened sceptics have, from the beginning, written off the teachings of Seth as channelled by Jane Roberts as unprovable nonsense. They contend that Jane was either tapping into nothing more than her own overactive imagination helped along by a hypnotic trance state or, at the very best, Seth was a personified fragment of her own subconscious mind.

Critics say that the teachings of Seth are just a repackaging of ancient Vedic mysticism and Buddhist philosophy with a smattering of modern quantum mechanics thrown in to dress it up into a new system of pseudo-philosophy.

But the Seth-Roberts conception of the multidimensional Oversoul has been independently encountered by other explorers of consciousness, including the famous Robert Monroe, founder of the Monroe Institute in Faber, Virginia.

Beginning in the 1950s, before Jane Roberts began channelling Seth,

Robert Monroe was a wealthy businessman who began to experience frightening and spontaneous out-of-body experiences. Robert Monroe at first feared that he was going insane, and that his OBEs were some kind of psychotic break with reality.

A battery of psychologists convinced him he was completely healthy, however, and that he displayed no signs of clinical mental health problems. Robert eventually accepted his natural OBE ability and learned to channel and control it. Over the next three decades, he mastered not only the art of the OBE, but embraced and leveraged it as a tool to expand his awareness and for tremendous personal growth.

Monroe is credited with bringing the OBE out of the realm of ancient mysticism and even beyond 'New Age nonsense'. He is the person who coined the term 'out-of-body experience' which has a more modern feel to it than 'astral travel' or 'soul travel' as it has long been called.

In the course of his many OBE trips, Monroe confronted dozens of non-physical entities, including many beings he recognized as his personal 'guides'. He also frequently encountered the 'spirits' of his own reincarnational selves. Robert eventually realized that he and all of those people he 'once was' in uncountable past centuries and past lives were all part of a 'collective group'.

In short, Robert concluded that he and the thousands of other people he had been incarnated as were all one and the same - and that they all shared the same Oversoul, although this is not the term he used. Robert eventually came to call his 'soul group' the 'EXCOM' which was short for 'Executive Committee'.

Like Jane Roberts and Seth, Robert Monroe came to conclude that no one ever truly dies, and that even if one of his former selves lived and died physically in, say, the 17th Century, that person he 'once was' is still actively participating in the collective evolution of his soul group, or EXCOM.

Robert Monroe came to believe that his collective group would eventually learn all it needed to learn by its repeated incarnation into the 'physical reality school' of earth life, and would then move on to an even higher level of consciousness - where more learning and progress would start all over again.

Robert's out-of-body travels also clearly revealed to him the existence of parallel universes. He could clearly see that the timeline of his own

progression of reincarnations did not play out along a ‘single band’ of reality, but across a rich multi-textured universe that was far, far more complex - and wonderful - than any of us might imagine.

Others as Well

The examples we have cited in this chapter of Jane Roberts and Robert Monroe merely scratch the surface of those who claim to have had direct experience with a multidimensional world and their own multidimensional nature.

There are many others, such as Esther Hicks, for example, who proclaims to speak for a multidimensional ‘collective entity’ known as ‘Abraham’. Although referred to by a singular name, Abraham identifies itself as ‘a group consciousness from the non-physical dimension’.

Here again, we confront the concept of multidimensional beings inhabiting a strata of ‘reality’ distinct from our own physical reality, yet tangential enough to allow clear communications between dimensions.

Still another example is long-time explorer of human potential, Burt Goldman. Beginning in the 1950s, while serving in the Korean War, Goldman came to know a Korean shaman who taught him the ancient mysteries of working with Qi energy, the natural energy forces which support the physical body. Over the years, Goldman continued to expand his study by working through a variety of traditions and methodologies. Today he has garnered a large following with something he calls ‘quantum jumping’.

In short, quantum jumping involves recognizing that our universe is actually a multiverse, and that we are part of an endless, infinite structure of parallel universes. In each one of those other parallel worlds, Goldman says, is another version of ourselves - and each of our parallel twins have taken unique paths in acquiring skills, interests and development. Goldman says it is possible, through a kind of meditation process, to contact and gain access to all the hard-earned knowledge that our infinite number of twins have obtained, and that we can absorb and bring our parallel universe life experience home to ourselves in our own world.

Again, the examples we have cited here represent just a few of the many individuals and traditions that are beginning, more and more, to embrace the concept of parallel universes, not merely as a fascinating theory, but as a new way of looking at reality that can make a true difference in our own lives.

Much like Nicolaus Copernicus, who first suggested the earth revolves around the sun in 1543, or Hugh Everett III, who proposed our universe was actually a ‘Multiverse’ in 1957, intrepid explorers of consciousness such as Roberts, Monroe, Hicks and Goldman have been pushed to the margins of society, mostly by the rational-materialistic scientific community, which still hold tremendous sway over the largest portion of the public psyche.

Conclusion

Today, the fact that the earth is a round ball that spins on its own axis as it rotates around the sun is generally accepted knowledge to the point that it seems just ‘common sense’. But at one point in history anyone who said that the earth was round and spun might be tortured, beheaded, burned or imprisoned.

In 1600, mathematician and philosopher Giordano Bruno was burned at the stake for favouring the sun-centred theory. In 1633, the greatest scientist in the world of that time, Galileo Galilei, was imprisoned for also supporting a round earth as a heliocentric model.

Today, people who claim to have accidentally stumbled into a parallel universe, or claim to be from a parallel universe, probably aren’t in danger of torture, burning or imprisonment - but they may face plenty of public ridicule.

On the other hand, as we’ve learned from the stories in this book, the idea that our universe is actually composed of many worlds - an infinite number of parallel universes - has been rapidly gaining both scientific acceptability and broad support among the general public.

Not only are there solid mathematical models which support the idea that our universe is a multiverse, but dozens of ordinary people, when they least expect it, find themselves plunged into the unimaginably strange. Many believe that the best explanation for their experience is a parallel universe encounter.

Parallel universes all around us? Doorways which we can occasionally slip through when we least expect it? Whole other civilizations existing ‘right next door to us’? Duplicates or ‘doppelgangers’ of yourself living out their own lives in some other fabric of reality?

Ridiculous? Maybe not.

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